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The University's newest promotional figure shows a different side

TURN AROUND, BIKE BOY

Story by Becky Tener | Photos by Alaina Buzas

Chris Greggila rode his way from typical student to the iconic "Bike Boy" — with no hands.

Riding down Ridge Street, Greggila, a fifth-year senior, is the man featured in a cap and gown on the University's new promotional view book, Web site, commercials and multiple billboards across Ohio.

Greggila said the overall magnitude of his image caught him off-guard.

"I knew it was going to be big, but I didn't know it was going to be this big," he said. "It's kind of funny to see myself. I just laugh because, wow, my picture is 12 feet tall."

Greggila was chosen to be "Bike Boy" from a test photo shoot he participated in over the summer.

"[The Marketing and Communication Department] told me what the gig was ... and I was like 'why me?'" Greggila said. "Is this because I have long arms? Because that was the only

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'BRAKE'ING DOWN BIKE BOY

NAME: Chris Greggila

AGE: 22 years old

CLASS: Fifth year senior

MAJOR: Human Development and Family Studies

Campaign to raise funds for Ice Arena

After receiving state and reallocated University funds, the committee is beginning fundraising efforts

By Josh Whetherholt
Reporter

The fundraising campaign to renovate the University Ice Arena and bring approximately \$2 million in scholarship funds within the next 18 months now has an official committee and is underway.

After receiving \$1.5 million from the Ohio government this past summer and a \$2.5 million reallocation of University funds by President Carol Cartwright, the campaign now has \$4 million dollars out of the prospect \$5 million.

"It's going very well," Cartwright said. "We have the money we need to make renovations. It's been going along well for the early stages and it's off and running. It was obvious to me how

important the hockey program was and is to the BG community and the BG community."

The recently announced committee to head the fundraising campaign boasts several big name players from the Bowling Green team, including Olympic gold medalist Scott Hamilton and members of the 1984 National Championship Hockey team Mike Pikul and Garry Galley. Dave Ellett, another 1984 team member, built recently built a hockey arena in New Mexico and is now on board for the ice arena renovations at his alma mater.

"It's very important that we tap into those people," Galley said. "All those people have been living

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Precaution, not panic, advised for flu prevention

By Alissa Widman
Reporter

Eat healthy foods. Use soap and water. Get plenty of sleep.

Although these flu prevention strategies advocated by parents may seem like common sense, they might be lost among students as a panicked atmosphere is overtaking the H1N1 virus situation.

But according to Pat Snyder, public information officer at the Wood County Health Department, this doesn't have to be the case.

Snyder said the major difference between H1N1, a mutation of the type A flu strain, and the seasonal flu is only in who catches it.

"The symptoms are the same, the treatment is the same, and

"A lot of people are getting sick, but people only need to pay attention."

Pat Snyder | Information officer

most people recover without medical care," she said. "But for one reason or another, this flu is transmitting very easily among the population of people who are 24 and younger."

Barbara Hoffman, assistant medical director at Student Health Service, said no cases of H1N1 have been confirmed on campus.

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Public relations group visits big names in Big Apple

By Jessica Hanna
Reporter

Select members of the University's Public Relations Student Society of America left this past Sunday for New York City to visit the corporate headquarters of some of the world's largest companies.

The Associated Press, Macy's, the National Basketball Association, the National Football League and Ketchum were among the companies that opened their doors to the students.

The PRSSA trip was planned to facilitate networking with alumni in large cities and to provide a learning environment

in their actual work settings, faculty advisor Julie Hagenbuch said.

"You can read about [public relations] in the textbook and you can read about roles and job duties, but it's another thing to actually go in person and observe and visit firsthand with someone who's living that, you know, bringing it to life," Hagenbuch said.

She said out of more than 40 PRSSA members who wanted to go, only 10 were selected. All were graduating seniors who had applied and gone through a screening process.

Daniel Martin, who joined PRSSA in September, was one of the few chosen to go. He said

he was excited for the opportunity to visit New York City for the first time, as well as to network for his ideal job in international public relations. Martin said he was most excited to visit Ketchum, one of world's largest public relations firms.

"So I got to basically meet with a place that I would most definitely like to work," Martin said. "I made contacts, and hopefully I am going to utilize them in trying to get into their fellowship program after I graduate next summer."

Hannah Archer also benefited from the chance to network

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PHOTO PROVIDED BY KELCEY BRUBAKER

SMILE: The PRSSA group were able to visit the Associated Press headquarters in New York City.

CAMPUS BRIEF

Police release descriptions of fake linoleum salesman

The Bowling Green Police Division is investigating a complaint stating two white males are making their way into residents' homes uninvited.

According to a press release from the BGPD, one man distracts the resident of the home by trying to sell linoleum while the other explores the home and "in one instance stole a purse and broke into a safe."

One complainant described one of the male subjects as 5'6", late 40s to early 50s with gray hair in a ponytail. At the time of the incident he was wearing a dark green "camo" type jacket, blue jeans, and carrying a clipboard. The other subject is described as being in his 20's.

They drive a small, white pick-up truck with "some type of black container in the back," according to the release.

In the release, the BGPD advised people to not allow door-to-door salesmen entry to their homes, and to call the police immediately if approached.

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'Don Quixote' comes to campus

Check out the campus page for photos of the upcoming performance of Don Quixote featuring the MadCap Puppets of Cincinnati | **Page 3**

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Let's be politically correct

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Men's hockey sees their first winless month since the 1981-82 season but coach remains positive and hopes to see tough play against Ferris State | **Page 6**

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What do you think the University's logo should be?



TAYLOR HUMMELL
Freshman, Marine Biology
"A squirrel, because they are everywhere." | **Page 4**

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BLOTTER WEDNESDAY NOV. 4

3:34 P.M.

Complainant reported a vacant apartment had been damaged within the 1000th block of Fairview Avenue.

4:03 P.M.

Complainant reported unknown subject(s) took her door mat, valued at \$1, within the 1000th block of Third St.

8:26 P.M.

Complainant reported their apartment was broken into within the 900th block of E. Wooster St.

THURSDAY NOV. 5

12:05 A.M.

Two subjects were warned for trespassing when they were observed in City Park after hours.

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CORRECTION POLICY

We want to correct all factual errors. If you think an error has been made, call The BG News at 419-372-6966.

In yesterday's article titled, "Volleyball heads to Miami in search of third conference win," the headline was incorrect. The volleyball team was in search of their fourth conference win.

BIKE BOY

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reason I could think of."

Greggila may have been the right fit for "Bike Boy" because of his body type, but the marketing department was surprised to find that Greggila has a talent in riding a bike with no hands. Greggila said he didn't even have to practice for the role. He admitted he's made the stretch of campus down Wooster Street without using his handlebars.

"I can text while I'm riding. In fact I can do a lot," he said. "I guess I'm just naturally talented at it."

Fred Connor, the senior director of marketing at the University, said Greggila was a perfect match for "Bike Boy" not only for his hidden talent but his involvement on campus.

"He's very involved, it made me feel really good about choosing him," he said.

Connor said a similar photo used in a promotional campaign about 10 years ago influenced the image of "Bike Boy." The University decided to use the idea again after polling parents and students to see what marketing ideas enticed them to check out the University.

"We were thinking of new ways to bring more students to BGSU," he said. "This showed that students from BG graduate."

The familiar shot of Greggila from behind was taken during



CHRIS: Chris Greggila struggles while trying to recreate the photo that landed him on the University's Web site.

Campusfest, and he also appears in the commercial from the front as he's riding.

"They'd just tell me to ride and I'd do it again and I'd do it again and again," Greggila said. "I started counting in the beginning and just stopped after a while."

He said the overall experience was fun yet embarrassing, the worst being the test run before the actual filming.

"The head of the marketing department stopped traffic and had me do two test runs while students were walking like 10 feet away from me, it was so awkward," he said. "It looked like I was just a kid riding down the road spreading his arms for no reason."

A new celebrity, Greggila said his image's presence on campus doesn't get old to his friends because they call all the time to tell him he's on TV or they passed his back on a billboard.

Junior Craig Obrock, a friend of Greggila, said seeing him on billboards and commercials made him laugh.

"If someone would be on a bike it would be him," he said. "It's just funny to see one of your good friends all over the place."

Obrock was also in the University's commercial as one of the students in the new Business Administration building classroom.

Greggila said he plans to graduate in May and go on to grad school, but he joked about continuing his acting career or "joining the circus for no-handed bike riding."

He said it was an honor to be part of the University's history as "Bike Boy" and he enjoyed doing it.

"It's my legacy, I guess, as the iconic BG 'Bike Boy,'" he said jokingly.

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hockey for all those years."

While some of the money to raised will be focused into simple mechanical renovations, most of it is being used to help rebuild and sustain the Hockey program, Pikul said.

"Raising funds for the arena has been neglected for a long period of time and we have to get it back to the point where it's not hurting itself anymore," Galley said. "We need to market the rink and the program better. [The project] needs to have everybody pulling on the same rope at the same time and I think we have that now."

For Pikul, the stability of the program is what is most important.

"We want to be able to solidify the program for years to come," Pikul said. "Bowling Green was a big part of my life academically, professionally and from a hockey standpoint. The viability of the program is very dear to my heart."

The campaign largely seeks donations from alumni and private donations from community members. One of the donation options is to choose which part of the campaign to donate to: the scholarship endowments or the arena restoration. To Galley, community support will be key for the success of the campaign.

"We have energy and spirit,

[and] that alone is going to drive this thing," Galley said. "We don't need just money, we need the support of the alumni, the community and the students."

As part of the fundraising campaign, the committee plans to have various Presidents Club meetings that will be used to strategize ways to get people interested in donating and sustaining one of the University's most storied athletic programs. This first of these meetings will take place on Nov. 14 at the hockey game between BGSU and Alaska where the 1984 National Championship team will be honored.

"I think it's a real point of pride that we had a championship team," Cartwright said. "We are going to need to find ways to return it to another level of competitiveness."

If the campaign works, Cartwright plans to employ fundraising strategies to help boost other University programs. She said athletic programs could use this method rather than relying solely on University funding while academic programs are not necessarily getting as much financial support.

While some students may feel the University should be giving their efforts to improve academic aspects, Galley said he thinks such an historical program will gain the needed support of the students and community.

"Hopefully they won't be saying, 'why did they do this?'" he said. "They'll be saying, 'it's about time.'"

H1N1

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She said hospitalized H1N1 patients are the only cases that must be officially confirmed and reported to the health department through the guidelines of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Therefore, when rapid flu testing at Student Health Service determines a flu victim at the University has type A flu, they will be treated without being verified for H1N1.

Hoffman said the University is following CDC guidelines and taking precautions in residence halls. Resident Advisors are being educated and trained by Hall Directors and Residence Life is working closely with the custodial staff that cleans residence halls.

Students are also being educated on how to reduce their risk of catching the virus, she said.

"We have provided residence halls with masks just like those located in the Student Health Service. If a student comes here with symptoms that they feel are flu-like, they can use a mask to help reduce the risk of spreading the virus to others, but nothing says they have to," she said.

Hoffman said students should view the flu precautions page of the University's Web site.

"Students need to use prevention ... so their immune systems are strong enough to fight any viruses that are out there," she said.

Snyder said she predicts flu cases will eventually peak and last as late as March, but students need not be alarmed if they take

the necessary precautions.

"A lot of people are getting sick, but people only need to pay attention, not get over-concerned," she said.

Snyder recommended vaccination as the ultimate preventative measure, either in injectable or nasal spray form. She said the health department received 1,000 nasal spray and 1,500 injectable vaccinations this week and is hosting clinics today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Huntington Bank building and tomorrow at North Baltimore High School from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"We also want people to take precautions to protect themselves, including washing their hands, covering coughs, getting plenty of rest and staying home if they're sick," she said. "We would like to keep this in perspective.

This is a flu. We can do things to protect ourselves and prevent this from spreading further."

Sophomore Ashley Smith said she experienced the H1N1 panic firsthand when it was suspected a first floor resident had the virus in Kohl Hall, where she lives.

"It's contagious and many people were afraid on the first floor. But I think a lot of it was over-reaction and people thinking too much," Smith said.

Smith also said she and her friends recently talked about H1N1 precautions and vaccinations in an RESC class core event for the Chapman learning community in Kohl Hall. She said the program advocated hand washing and using the flu buddy system for roommates, and now provides free soup at the front desk of the residence hall for anyone who is sick.

"[H1N1] is scary, but people

just need to take precautions like washing their hands and using hand sanitizer," she said.

Freshman Steven Reed said he thinks the small meetings and programs in residence halls are necessary to properly educate students on the facts of the H1N1 virus and eliminate indifferent attitudes about it.

"Even if it's only for about 20 minutes or so, if they take time out of your day, it's going to make you think about it," he said.

Reed said he began taking necessary precautions last year to prevent catching the H1N1 virus while many students were making fun of it with hoax videos on YouTube and sarcastic jokes.

"I don't think people really take it seriously," he said. "It's happened to a minimal amount of people and usually had a minimal effect on those people, but it can happen to anybody."

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and learn from professionals during the New York City trip. She said all of the places the group visited provided information on internship programs, people to contact when applying and tips on resumes and interviews, but her favorite stops were definitely the NBA and NFL offices.

"I thought it provided a really good example of what it's like to be a professional in the sports world and what it takes," Archer said. "And, obviously, with both organizations being so well-known worldwide, it was just an awesome experience going into those buildings."

Archer, a PRSSA member for two years, said she joined the organization to meet people with a common goal and to learn more about the professional world of public relations. The trip to New York City provided just such an experience.

"I think it was a great opportunity and I got so much out of it," Archer said. "I think it should be done over and over again."



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'DON QUIXOTE' TAKES CENTER STAGE FOR EVENING OF OPERA

Photos by
Courtney Stellar

PULLING THE STRINGS: Students perform a dress rehearsal along with the Madcap Puppets of Cincinnati for their show, "Don Quixote", on Thursday evening. The evening of Opera is inspired by Cervantes' novel and will be performed on November 6th and 8th.



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"The symptoms are the same, the treatment is the same, and most people recover without medical care."
— Pat Snyder, public information officer at the Wood County Health Department, on the difference between the seasonal flu and H1N1 [see story, pg. 1].

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET What do you think the University's logo should be?



"The falcon looking fierce instead of just a side view."
LEAH HENDRICKS,
Freshman,
Biology Pre-Vet



"The Star of David."
MATT PARIS,
Senior,
Accounting



"A falcon giving the middle finger."
GREG GOMACH,
Senior,
MIS



"A falcon stealing a bunch of money."
AYESHA GREEN,
Senior,
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We need precision when using political terms in today's world



PHIL SCHURRER
FACULTY COLUMNIST

"A word is not a crystal, transparent and unchanged; it is the skin of a living thought, and may vary greatly in color and content according to the circumstances and the time in which it is used."
— Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Words and phrases are indeed slippery. Terms that conveyed a particular thought or idea years or generations ago may indicate something completely different today.

For example, the very description of our political positions has changed. The word "liberal" today connotes a position that is supposedly forward-looking and progressive. Our Founders might be

thought of as "liberal," but a case could also be made for labeling them as "conservative." They were vitally interested in restoring their rights as Englishmen and perceived the conduct of the British monarch and government as opposed to their exercising those rights.

No descriptor of a political position remains fixed. Today, conservatives are thought of as looking backward to a supposedly better time. I well remember a skit on the "Tonight Show" where the Chad Mitchell Trio sang the song "Barry's Boys," a reference to then-presidential candidate Barry Goldwater. One of the verses is fixed in my mind: "So, let's go back to the days when men were men / and start the First World War all over again." Even today, this is the extent of comprehension of the conservative movement by some.

But to some in the conservative movement, social progress means

moving ahead to liberate society from old-fashioned ideas such as dependence on government, restrictions on the right to bear arms, and restrictions on the options for educating one's children.

At times, the terms "liberal" and "conservative" can seemingly flip-flop. When questioning a nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court, modern-day liberals tend to take a very conservative position on abortion. They want to ascertain that the candidate supports state decisions, that is, a reliance on previous court rulings—in particular, *Roe v. Wade*.

One of the popular trademarks of conservatives is supposedly a reliance on prior events and decisions. On the other hand, modern-day conservatives would hope that the candidate would want *Roe* overturned. This overturning of prior decisions is quite often attributed to liberals.

"Liberal" and "Conservative" are not the only terms that can be as slippery as a eel in a bucket of lard. We normally associate "Progressive" with the Democratic Party, e.g. Wilson, FDR, Truman and Johnson. Yet, the first real progressive president was arguably Teddy Roosevelt. He was a tireless campaigner for the regulation of business and trusts, pure food and drug legislation and conservation. All this from a Republican!

A recent book by Jonah Goldberg, "Liberal Fascism," also makes the point that seemingly opposite movements sometimes deserve the same label upon closer analysis. He notes one of the hallmarks of modern liberalism is the growing influence of government in society.

Goldberg cites an October 1928 speech by Mussolini in which Il Duce summed up the entire fascist creed with the expression: "Everything in

the State, nothing outside the State, nothing against the State." Goldberg notes that communism, fascism and modern liberalism share the common thread of increased state involvement in society. Yet most of us tend to separate them. It's the labeling—or mislabeling—that speaks a lot about our understanding—or lack of it.

In the November 5 edition of the BG News, an article from the Associated Press about the results of the Maine referendum on same-sex marriage was headlined, "Maine votes 'no' on marriage equality." The "hot" word in the headline is "equality." The implication presumably is that no one would consciously vote for inequality except those who voted against same-sex marriage. Therefore, those who opposed same-sex marriage favor inequality.

Not true; it all depends on how "equality" is defined. Perhaps the

headline should have read, "Same-sex marriage in Maine voted down." Same number of letters; no extra space required, yet it would convey a more objective tone.

This is a manifestation of what I rather immodestly refer to as Schurrer's First Law of Communication: the amount of disagreement in any discussion is positively correlated to the number of mutually undefined terms.

Goethe once said that, "when ideas fail, words come in handy." It's easy to slap a label on someone or some movement and feel that the word summarizes all that needs to be known. But in our day and age, words are tools that can be used or misused accidentally or deliberately. More than ever, we need precision in our words.

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Baseball demands more cunning than most sports



RYAN SULLIVAN
COLUMNIST

Hello, my name is Ryan and I have a problem.

No, this isn't the beginning of some Alcoholics Anonymous meeting—though if you ask some people, I should be there, too. This is the start of an all new club, "Baseball Anonymous."

So far, so good. From what everybody tells me, the first step to getting over something is admitting you have a problem.

Even as I am writing this, I am struggling not to chuck something through my television as ESPN is getting on their knees for the Yankees. And this isn't a Yankees hate column, but there will be random smatterings of it thrown in just because of my utter frustration right now.

No, the real upsetting factor for me is the fact that, until April 5, 2010, I will be in a veritable funk.

It is sad just how integral baseball is to my existence.

Being from the Dayton area, I have been a Reds fan my entire life. If you look in my room, there is

a veritable shrine dedicated to the Reds, including a giant banner, 3 bobble-heads, a foam Reds "victory" ball and a baseball thrown to me by their centerfielder, Willy Taveras, when my girlfriend and I went to a game in Chicago against the Cubs.

I get chills the first time I see a baseball diamond each spring. I do a little fist pump whenever a team I like makes a big play.

When I go into a bar and I know the Reds have a game on television, I pester the bartender until they flip on FSN Ohio.

The last time I cried, it was because I found out longtime Reds broadcaster Joe Nuxhall died. Granted, that same day I found out my family had put my dog to sleep but that isn't the point.

When I go home, my favorite topic of conversation with both friends and family is the latest baseball transactions and how this year, it's going to go the Reds' way.

Yes, I know there are other sports and I like some of them as well. I go to the football games and cheer on the Falcons. I watch college basketball and pull for my Cincinnati Bengals, too, but nothing is on the same level as baseball.

There is just something different about the sport, and it's very polar-

izing to some. Baseball is either a game where you "get it" or you don't.

There is more strategy in one baseball game than in almost any other sport and if the manager screws up at a critical point, it is the difference between a win and a loss.

And yes, I have also seen almost every corny baseball movie this side of "The Sandlot," which is one of the best movies ever I might add.

To steal a line from "Fever Pitch," if somebody were to ask me where the Reds stood in my life, I say the Reds, sex, then breathing.

So if any of you see me walking down the street or through campus and I am in a daze, it isn't because I am on some drug or just downed a fifth of Jack, it's because for the next 150 days, all I will be doing is counting down the days until I can hear Marty Brennaman scream, "And this one belongs to the Reds!"

Oh, and screw the Yankees and their fans. I warned you it would be in here, didn't I?

For now, if somebody could either be my "offseason sponsor" or point me in the direction of the nearest bar, that would be great.

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THE LEGEND OF BONES MALONE



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How to face death by making the little moments precious



ERIC RHOADS
COLUMNIST

Everyone you know and see will die.

No, this isn't a 2012 prophecy. It's life. From the moment we're born, with each breath we take, we're that much closer to our end—it's an inevitable fate that all living beings must be willing to accept. However, most of us do not see our lives as the ever-changing, decomposition of the body.

We strive for meaning, because after all, we are here. Typical thought leads to the notion if we're alive there must be a reason for it—right? We're students on a path towards our dreams, our careers, or maybe we're just wasting time and having fun. We are artists, striving to bring people's attention to situations that feel important to us. We are businessmen and women looking to get ahead. We are, all of us, looking for something.

Of course we think we know what we are looking for, and it's merely a matter of reaching our goals. As we search for purpose in

life, we often forget the one undeniable truth about our existence upon this planet—it ends. This is one of the only universal truths about existence. So in that respect, regardless of where you come from or where it is you think you're going, life is preparation for death.

There are several modes of knowledge that help to better explain this concept.

In philosophy, this concept is seen most frequently with the existentialist and Nobel Prize winner for Literature, Albert Camus. In his philosophical studies and novels he concocts the concept of life as being "absurd." By this he means

life has no meaning. As such, and with the knowledge that beings are condemned to death and nothingness, he stresses life's value does not come from imposing any sort of meaning upon the world but rather "revolting" against the inhumanities of life. By revolt he stresses taking on a passion for lucid awareness of what the world has to offer—love, friendship, etc.

In religion, this can be most readily seen in Tibetan Buddhism. Though all religions focus upon the aspects of death to a certain degree, Tibetan Buddhism focuses specifically upon using life as preparation for death and in doing

so, gaining a higher appreciation for the life before us in this and each subsequent moment.

In the widely read Tibetan Book of the Dead, they discuss the make-up of human beings as being indiscernible with the environment surrounding them. That is to say, the objects that surround us (the environment) are merely a product of the subject (our "self"). With this knowledge, they believe the human condition is meant to be lived in order to attain this intrinsic awareness and in doing this, the individual will eventually come to terms with what is known in Buddhism as "enlightenment."

Albeit a watered-down version of these practices, it helps to demonstrate the degree to which life is lived to prepare for the "next stage" which for our purposes, is death.

Okay, great—the morbid truth comes to fruition. Now what? Now, it is important to live with the awareness that life is ever-changing. From moment to moment, breath to breath, nothing remains static. We are always moving towards death, and should live in a manner that helps us to see clearly this truth.

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Updated Falcon logo starts transition

University athletic department begins process to create new identity with new logo design

By Tim Naida
Reporter

The University is in a transition period for the school's falcon logo.

The athletic department began replacing the previous logo with the current one about four years ago. The new logo features a full falcon pictured in orange and brown with the letters BG. The previous logo was a falcon outline in orange.

The University has released a clothing line featuring vintage logos, but the previous outline logo was not included. University Bookstore Associate Director Yvonne Stoner said this was done because they are still in a transition period.

"We need to transition first before going back and introducing [the previous logo] as vintage or retro," she said.

For now, the game plan is to focus on the new logo, said Assistant Athletic Director of Marketing Brian Delehey.

"You want to stay true to your new marks and build an identity," he said.

Stoner said some students were fond of the old logo, but student response to the new logo has been great. She also said that in the beginning of the process to change the logo, the athletic department talked to alumni to get insight, input and feedback for the idea.

"They were very supportive of the changes," she said.



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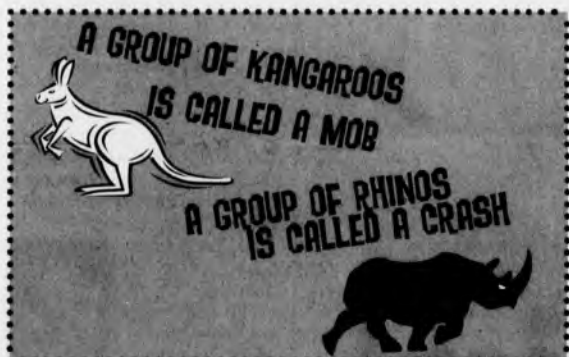
FALCON LOGO: The new logo is shown at the top with the old logo on the bottom.

Delehey said changing the logo is meant to update the look, but still stay true to the University. He said that the new falcon logo has the same outline as the previous.

"You've got to stay true to the orange and brown," he said. "With colleges, it's a natural progression over time."

Senior Ian Kenyon said that he likes the new logo, and owns a few shirts with the logo.

"It's more attractive and flashy," he said. "It looks more updated."



BGSU lacrosse team looks to topple Toledo in battle for I-75 tournament

By Troy Chamberlain
Reporter

This weekend, the traditional campus tailgate territory will transform into a warzone for the "Battle for I-75," lacrosse style.

Sunday, Nov. 8, the BGSU Lacrosse Club will host a four-team tournament in the grass field east of Doyt Perry Stadium. In the tournament they will face off against the University of Akron, Youngstown State University and long time rivals, the University of Toledo. The tournament will consist of 12 total games, with every team playing one match each against the remaining three.

As with teams of any sport at the University who play them, the lacrosse team's rivalry toward Toledo has remained strong and enduring, and no game in the tournament is more heavily anticipated. This rivalry, though extremely competitive, is a casual one between the two lacrosse clubs.

"It's a friendly rivalry," said senior mid-fielder Kevin Morton. "We're all really close and know each other so we always have a good time."

Club President Alex Hettinger said he feels good going into the game against Toledo—BGSU has not lost to them since

2002—but he is not ready to write them off as a pushover. Toledo looks to be a strong opponent this year, he said, citing the fact they recently played a Division II varsity team and lost by only one goal. Toledo's triumphs, however, have not diminished senior mid-fielder Chris Pfeiffer's confidence or enthusiasm toward the bout.

"Since I've been here, we've never lost to Toledo," he said. "I'd like to keep it that way."

Though Sunday's tournament is a preliminary event to the team's regular season, which occurs in the spring, their performance will influence their pre-season ranking in the National Club Lacrosse League. Performing well will ensure better national recognition throughout the season, an experience not unknown to the club in recent memory.

Hettinger, Morton and Pfeiffer were freshmen in the 2007 spring season, at which time the team was ranked 5th in the nation. Unfortunately, the NCLL nationals directly coincided with finals week at the University that year, preventing the team from testing its talent. Morton believes had the opportunity been allowed, the team would have been tough to beat.

"We were unstoppable," he

"The kids are really good and we have a lot of talent. I'm really looking forward to seeing what we bring to the table this year."

Kevin Morton | Senior mid-fielder

said.

In the past few years though, the success has not come so easily. Last season the team finished at 5-9.

Hettinger took over as president this fall and said that administrative disorganization in years preceding his presidency proved detrimental to the team's support and performance. This year he says is a "rebuilding year" and gives reason to be optimistic.

"The team looks really promising," he said. "The kids are really good and we have a lot of talent. I'm really looking forward to seeing what we bring to the table this year."

Also in anticipation of the upcoming season are the team's fans. The adrenaline-laden nature of the sport, coupled with the relaxed feel of club play, is what attracted Mercy College of Northwest Ohio senior Jackie Gray to its fields.

"Not only is every game packed with intense action," she

said, "the teams make it very enjoyable to watch because of the attitudes they have toward each other."

The relaxed style of club lacrosse, Hettinger said, makes it a great fit for those who maybe played in high school and want to play now, but don't want the strict obligations of a varsity sport.

"It's not as serious as a varsity sport, but it's just as competitive," he said. "We can still go out and have fun, play the game like we like it."

Games this Sunday begin at 10 a.m. with the match against Toledo scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Hettinger and teammates encourage all who are interested in watching, learning about or joining the team to attend. For more information on games, getting involved or the team in general, students should e-mail Hettinger at alexjh@bgsu.edu, or message him on Facebook and search the group "BGSU Lacrosse."

Study shows percentage of older smokers in decline

By Rose Schneider
Reporter

Results for a study done at the University Center for Family and Demographic Research show that while smoking for older adults is starting to decline, smoking for younger adults is holding steady.

The study, which was released in September, showed there has been a decline in smoking for older adults in Ohio since 1984—dropping from 30 percent to 18 percent in 2008. However, the number of young adults in Ohio smoking, people ranging from 18 to 29 years of age, only decreased from 30 percent to 28 percent since 1984.

The results of this study may cause some to question why younger adults continue to smoke.

"It seems like older adults are

getting this message, but younger adults, for some reason are still smoking," said Heidi Lyons, the CFDR's applied demographer and the author of the study. "We've grown up as a generation knowing smoking is wrong and it is not good for you."

Lyons, who gathered her data from the Center for Disease Control, said she thinks young people are still smoking because they are "not feeling the ramifications of this unhealthy behavior."

She said the harmful effects that come from smoking usually hit you when you are older, which is most likely the reason older adults in Ohio are giving up the habit.

For younger people, because the dangerous effects do not show up until later in life, the "young adults feel that they're

healthy," Lyons said, "so it must not be that bad."

The study stated 64 percent of young adults "are more likely to claim that their health is either excellent or good compared to other adults, 50 percent, in Ohio."

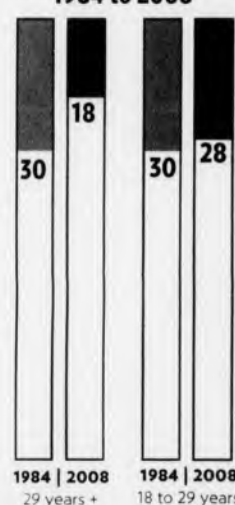
"I think people in college still smoke because of peer pressure, like from friends," said sophomore Katelan Malbon.

Adrienne Beres, junior, said she thinks young adults are still smoking for social reasons.

Lyons said the next step following the study is to figure out why the message that smoking is bad for your health is not being absorbed by young adults.

She said she hopes the study will help young adults realize there are lifelong consequences from smoking, and motivate them to make a change.

Percent of smokers
1984 to 2008



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MEN'S HOOPS

Sunday's men's basketball practice open to public

The Falcon men's basketball team will hold an open practice and short intrasquad scrimmage Sunday at 11 a.m. For the first 90 minutes of the period, the team will practice regularly with the scrimmage starting at 12:30 p.m. Coaches and players will be available for an autograph session at 1 p.m. Schedule posters will also be available.

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Today in Sports History

1994—George Foreman wins the heavyweight boxing title.

1977—The first sports Emmy Award is presented.

1974—Los Angeles Dodgers Mike Marshall becomes first relief pitcher to win the Cy Young Award.

The List

The men's soccer team will play its final game of the season tomorrow. Below are five of the top seniors on the team this season:

1. Cameron Hepple: Hepple is the team's leading scorer with 17 points, including eight goals, despite missing six games with an injury.

2. Jacob Lawrence: Lawrence shifted positions late in the season and benefited nicely. He has 12 points, including five goals on the season.

3. Hunter Van Houten: Van Houten has four assists so far in his senior season.

4. Chuko Ewvaraye: Ewvaraye has started six games for BG this season, recording a goal and two assists.

5. Tyler Deal: Deal has started all 17 games this season and leads the team in minutes with 1,426. He has not recorded any points though.

Falcon volleyball loses, plays at home tomorrow

By Chris Sojka
Reporter

After being swept by Miami over a month ago at Anderson Arena, the Falcons went in to Millett Hall and were only able to win one set.

The Falcons came out strong and won the first set, 25-17. When the score was 14-13, in favor of BG, the Falcons went on a five-to-one run, making the score 19-14.

Kills by Corey Domek and Emily Kauth put the finishing touches on the RedHawks.

Allison Kearney had nine

assists, Shari Luther added four kills and Noelle Spitler posted two blocks in BG's win.

In the second set, the Falcons' momentum didn't carry over. BG never lead in the set as the RedHawks won, 25-18.

Kearney had two aces, six assists and a block in the loss. The RedHawks' Megan Griffin lead the way with five kills, while Andrea Atteberry had 11 assists.

The Falcons didn't lead in the third set, either. They kept it close throughout, but Miami snuck away with a 25-21 victory.

"We will have the chance to play in front of our fans ... the best fans in the conference. When our fans are loud, this team plays hard."

Denise Van De Walle | Coach

Kearney and Domek led the way for BG with 10 assists and five kills, respectively. Domek also added an ace and a block.

In the fourth set, BG kept it close, but again, the RedHawks came out on top 25-19.

Domek had a double-double on the night with 17 kills and 10 digs. She had a .333 attack percentage and posted two aces.

Luther was big for the Falcons, too, as she hit .370 and had 12 kills.

After being on the road for three weeks in a row, the Falcons will head back to Anderson Arena tomorrow for a match against Northern Illinois.

Van De Walle can't wait to return home.

"We will have the chance to play in front of our fans ... the best fans in the conference," she said. "When our fans are loud, this team plays hard."

The Huskies (13-12, 7-5 Mid-American Conference), are bat-

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FALCONS VS. BULLDOGS



ROUGH HOUSING: David Solway (5) and Kyle Page collide into a Providence player earlier this season. Falcon coach Dennis Williams is hoping his team will play more physically this weekend.

Let's get physical

Falcon coach wants to see tough play this weekend

By Paul Barney
Reporter

The Falcon hockey team closed out the month of October with a 0-5-1 record, their first winless October since the 1981-82 season.

However, coach Dennis Williams is convinced his team is a much better team now than they were a week ago.

The Falcons (0-5-1, 0-1-1 Central Collegiate Hockey Association) will get a chance to show just that as they travel to Big Rapids, Mich., to take on CCHA oppo-

nent Ferris State for a weekend matchup.

The two-game series begins tonight at 7:05 followed by the series finale tomorrow at 5:05 p.m.

The Bulldogs and Falcons played to a series split a year ago, with each team alternating wins in the last five contests.

The all-time series favors BG, leading 52-43-11 dating back to Dec. 15, 1978.

FSU dropped their first two conference games last weekend to Alaska, but with an overall record of 5-3-0 the Falcons will have to continue putting forth a strong effort if they want to leave with a series

win.

"[Ferris State] is a great team," Williams said. "I think it's a college hockey player's game up there when you play that type of team because [Ferris State] is going to come hard, they're going to hit and we have to be able to match that."

In order for the Falcons to match the physicality of the Bulldogs they're going to have to be physical themselves, something Williams would like to see more of

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HIGH SCORER: Cameron Hepple leads the team in scoring despite missing six games.

Men's soccer seniors set for last game

By John Lopez
Reporter

After a tumultuous season, the Falcon men's soccer team will take the field for the last time tomorrow as they host Florida Atlantic University in a Mid-American Conference matchup.

The game will be a farewell for six senior members of the team: Jacob Lawrence, Hunter Van Houten, Cameron Hepple, Tyler Deal, Gavin Dozier and Chuko Ewvaraye.

The game will be an "Orange Out", and the team asks any fans to support the team by wearing orange.

Although both teams are out of the MAC Tournament, the game is a matchup between two teams that are trying to avoid finishing last in the conference. Kickoff is scheduled for 2 p.m. tomorrow at Cochrane Field.

Coaches and players were not available for comment at press time. See The BG News Sports Blog (www.bgnewssports.com) this afternoon for more details about the game.



Tyler Deal
Leads the team in minutes this season in 17 starts

Falcon rugby battle Minnesota in playoffs

By C.J. Watson
Reporter

Last week, the BG rugby team was handed their first regular season loss in over two years.

BG plans on leaving the match against Ohio State in their past as they travel to Minnesota tomorrow to take on the Gophers in the quarterfinals of the Midwest Division I Premier League Playoffs.

Not only do the playoffs bring a different type of intensity, both clubs are coming into the game fired up and have a point to prove. BG is looking to come back from a devastating loss and Minnesota is seeking revenge against the Falcons.

"We have played each other in the past two Midwest championships," said coach Tony Mazzarella. "So you could say that we have some history against each other."

Minnesota utilizes a very balanced attack that can be categorized as quite similar to Indiana's



MOVING THE BALL: Justin Rutledge moves the ball earlier this season. He will try to help the team to victory against Minnesota in the quarterfinals of the Midwest playoffs.

style of play.

"They don't really jump out at you," Mazzarella said. "They aren't overly big or overly fast in any particular position."

Despite the loss last week, players are remaining positive as they prepare for the playoffs.

"There were a lot of positive outcomes that happened last week," said fly half Nick Viviani.

"It showed us that we are not invincible and that anything can happen at any given week."

Sloppy play which led to missed tries was a big problem last week, and it has been addressed this week during practice. Another issue was the

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Falcon swimmers open home season against MAC rivals

By Ryan Satkowiak
Reporter

One of the main questions surrounding the BG swimming team coming into this season was if the underclassmen mature to the point where they could make some serious waves this year. Well, after last weekend's meets, we were given a small sample answer to that question.

Despite dropping meets at Eastern Michigan and Ball State last weekend, the freshmen on the team stepped up in a big way, particularly against BSU, where eight of the team's 21 top-three finishes were by freshmen.

"The freshmen have stepped up right from the get-go," said coach Keri Buff. "The way this team was set up this year, everyone wanted to be a part, and the freshmen have done a great job being tough and getting it done



Meg Richardson
Senior has been one of the top swimmers so far

right from the beginning."

The freshmen charge was led by Alexis Kain, who picked up two second-place finishes against Eastern in breaststroke events and was part of the Falcons' A-team that took top spot in the medley relay. Against Ball State, she took the top spot in both breaststroke events and was on the winning medley relay team and the third-place freestyle relay team.

Senior captain Meg Richardson also showed why she is one of the top swim-

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LeBron seeks more than Knicks on trip

By Brian Mahoney
The Associated Press

GREENBURGH, N.Y. — LeBron James is coming to town, and New York is throwing a parade. A little early to start the recruiting pitch, isn't it?

Actually, the parade is for the Yankees, but James won't mind. He's a huge fan of the World Series champions.

Besides, Broadway is all his after that.

The Cleveland Cavaliers visit Madison Square Garden on tonight, James' only chance this season to put on a show at the arena he adores.

Watch out Knicks. "He'll be glowing. He'll be ready," said New York guard Larry Hughes, a former Cleveland teammate who keeps in touch with James. "He may not say he's ready, but he'll be ready to perform."

James seems to do something spectacular whenever he plays in New York. Last time it was a triple-double — for a couple of days, anyway.

He lost one of the rebounds after a video review but still scored 52 points, joining Michael Jordan as the only visiting players with multiple 50-point games at the present building.

This season's NBA schedule sends James to Madison Square Garden only once.

Knicks fans hope it's the last time he plays there as a visitor.

James can become a free agent on July 1 and the Knicks have cleared enough cap space to offer him a maximum salary contract. He's never said he wants to leave Cleveland, but he's never ruled out coming to New York, either, so his future will be hotly debated until then.

Friday's itinerary figures to fea-

ture 48 minutes of basketball and at least as much talk about free agency. James can tempt the fans, torture the Knicks and tease the media. And as usual, everyone will hang on his every word, hoping he drops some hints about his plans.

"Guarantee you first time he comes here, if he goes down the corner and has a bagel and says that was good, headline's going to say, 'Hey, LeBron loves New York food,'" TNT studio host Ernie Johnson said last week.

Larry Bird, Charles Barkley and commissioner David Stern are among the NBA heavyweights who have said they hope James remains in Ohio, where he shot to stardom as an Akron schoolboy before turning the formerly losing franchise down the road into a powerhouse.

Others think he won't be able to resist New York, where he can

make the Knicks relevant again on the court while making millions more off it in a much bigger market.

Kenny Smith agreed with Barkley, his TNT partner, that it would be nice to see James stay home. He isn't sure that will be the case, though.

"That's a great story, but obviously that story might not play out," Smith said. "If it was going to play out, I think it would have played out already. I think we would have known last year what's going on. I think he's really entertaining moving. He's not a sentimentalist like we are right now."

James could refuse to talk about it, but he seems to enjoy the flirtation, meeting the media before games in New York when many superstars prefer to wait in the restricted trainer's room during pregame availability.

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ting for a first found bye in the MAC Tournament.

As a team, they are averaging 13.43 kills per set, second-best in the conference. Their attack

percentage of .223 ranks them third in the conference, right behind BG.

NIU's Megan Schoenrock, who is from Toledo, is averaging 2.82 kills per set and Maddie Hughes leads the MAC and ranks 37th in the country with 4.90 digs per set.

This is going to be a good team, Van De Walle said.

"We're expecting a big, physical team that hits hard," Van De Walle said. "Their pin hitters are very good. They are an emotional team that competes hard and they never quit."

Van De Walle said a win

against the Huskies would be huge.

"A win over a very good NIU team would give us great momentum going into our final weeks of the season," she said. "We're still improving and haven't peaked yet. We're looking forward to Saturday."

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mers in the Mid-American Conference, winning three of the four freestyle events in dominating fashion, as well as adding two team relay victories.

Despite building some solid momentum with their near victory at Ball State, things don't get easier for the Falcons, as they take on the two most recent Mid-American Conference champions — Ohio and Miami — this weekend at the Cooper Pool.

"It's definitely going to be tough," Buff said. "But we just have to go out there and focus on doing our best."

As has been documented, the Falcons also have to deal with the roadblock of not having a dive team, which causes them to give up 32 uncontested points to their opposition before the meet begins. Buff declined to comment, saying that they just need to focus on competing head-to-head with the other team's swimmers.

Even with the tall tasks ahead of them this weekend, the Falcons have shown that they are ready to compete.

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team keeping its composure while remaining focused.

"Now we have to be 100 percent focused mentally and physically for every match in the future," Viviani said. "We have to be relaxed and just keep our composure out on the field."

With a win, the Falcons will move on to the semi finals and possibly the finals that will be played next weekend in Indiana. The winner of the Midwest championship will receive an invitation to play in the NCAA championship games in the spring.

SPORTS BRIEF

Bland named second team All-MAC

Senior Samantha Bland was named to the Second Team All-Mid-American Conference women's soccer team yesterday.

Bland started all 20 games for BG this season, playing in 1,720 minutes.

In her career, Bland started 77 of her 80 career games, including 75 straight. She won three defensive MVP awards for the Falcons.

Freshman Keely Chandler was named to the All-MAC Freshman team.

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FIRST: Nathan Pageau (13) scored his first collegiate goal last weekend.

TOUGH

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from his team.

"It's going to be a game that we're going to have to either make hits or we're going to get hit," he said. "I always want more of a physical presence out there. It's not that our guys are not competing, but we turn away a couple times where I think we would really make a good hit and a good statement."

The Falcons are still in search of their first win of the season, and will have to play physically to get it.

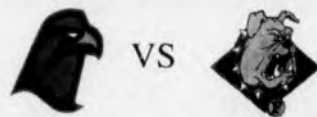
If they can get the produc-

tion they got last weekend at Nebraska-Omaha, however, their search may come to an end.

Last Friday behind freshman goalie Andrew Hammond — who made a career-high 43 saves on 46 shots — three Falcons scored their first goal at the college level.

Sophomore Bryan Potacco and freshmen Nathan Pageau and Jordan Samuels-Thomas all netted goals for BG.

"It's nice to get those guys to contribute," Williams said. "When you do get that goal you tend to play with a lot more confidence. We just need a few others to break that goose egg and we'll be fine."



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THE BG NEWS PICKS OF THE WEEK

With no BG game this week, we turn to other schools in the region to fill most of our pick 'em. Strong matchups between Ohio State and Penn State and Alabama and LSU, compliment a MAC-Big Ten game and a Pioneer Conference showdown.



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No. 11 Penn State vs. No. 15 Ohio State

PSU-35

If you ask me, Penn State is better. Given that combined with a game in Pennsylvania, that makes the pick fairly easy.
PSU 31, OSU 17

The Nittany Lions crack some Buckeyes and keep their slim Big Ten hopes alive.

PSU 28, OSU 21

Hey, remember the time OSU choked in three straight national championships (two football and one men's basketball)?
PSU 27, OSU 24

I jumped off the Terrelle Pryor train a month ago.
PSU 27, OSU 26

Nebraska vs. No. 20 Oklahoma

OU-6

In the most underrated game of the week, Nebraska's stifling defense will come out against a good team.
Nebraska 20, Oklahoma 13

Had things panned out the way Oklahoma thought they would this season, I'd be taking the Sooners in a blowout.
Nebraska 27, Oklahoma 24

Oklahoma will eat these corn flakes for breakfast.
Oklahoma 29, Nebraska 13

Sooners vs. Huskers: a battle for the frontier. Man prevails.
Oklahoma 23, Nebraska 17

Michigan State vs. Western Michigan

MSU-20

Tim Hiller could make this a game, but I think the Spartans have an easy win here.
MSU 41, Michigan 20

That loss to Central Michigan will keep Michigan State in the right mindset for this victory.
MSU 34, WMU 17

"Spartan on Wayne! Spartan on Garth!"
MSU 24, WMU 17

I know I swore never to pick MSU, but I'm not dumb. So this one is for you, Sarah. They better not let me down.
MSU 14, WMU 3

No. 19 Notre Dame vs. Navy

ND-11

The Irish aren't exactly the best team to stop the run. They're far from the worst, but an amped up Navy team pulls the upset.
Navy 24, ND 22

This is the fourth straight time I've picked the home team, I'm starting to look like Harner.
Notre Dame 17, Navy 10

Charles Weis wanted to go to Navy but he sunk all their submarines.
Notre Dame 45, Navy 24

I'm not on a boat!
Notre Dame 15, Navy 14

No. 3 Alabama vs. No. 9 LSU

Alabama-75

As with PSU-OSU, I will take the better team, again which is playing at home.
Alabama 27, LSU 16

Take that back, I'm taking the Tigers on the road.
LSU 21, Alabama 14

Talking about the Crimson Tide brings back awkward memories of eighth grade health class.
Alabama 31, LSU 21

I'm starting like the Crimson Tide more than Tim Tebow. That's a lot. Yay, Tim Tebow!
Alabama 24, LSU 20

Dayton vs. Butler

No line

It's Butler's high-powered, 8-0 offense against Dayton's 7-1 stout defense. This game has big Pioneer Conference implications.
Butler 28, Dayton 17

Pioneer league showdown for the ages, and it's the Bulldogs who stay undefeated.
Butler 3, Dayton 2

The DYT makes Butler the butt of this joke of a matchup.
Dayton 27, Butler 24

My love for the Wright Brothers makes me think the Flyers will not be the first to lose a conference match.
Dayton 30, Butler 27

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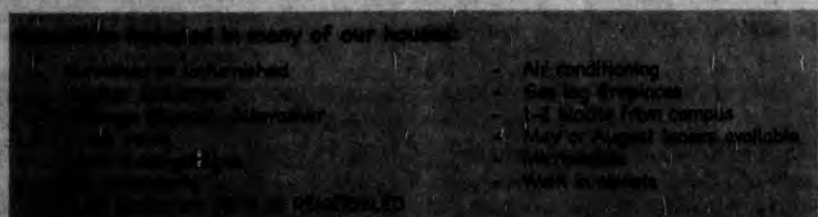
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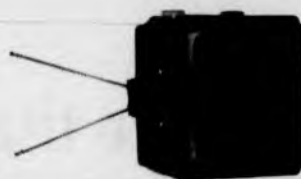
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BATTLE S'MOREDOM

Forget the standard s'more recipe and try these fun twists on a campfire classic that will leave you wanting some more



TAYLOR RICHTER
DESIGN EDITOR

There is only one thing related to s'mores that I really won't have any s'more of (and ironically, the use of "s'more" replacing "some more" isn't it). People, we need to stop referring to the "grahams" and the "mallows" when engaged in s'more speak. It isn't Smalls who's killing me when I think of this terrible verbal tick of a trend.

But other than that, there's not much to dislike about that chocolate, ooey, gooey, burn-your-mouth, accidentally leafy campfire classic. They're cheap; they're easy; they're starting to sound like

"that" girl at a party I was at last weekend. So let's go ahead and move on.

It's easy to get caught up in the nostalgia that is the perfect s'more, so with camping season coming to a close and a bright new year just around the corner, I say we don't focus on the past, but on the exciting future of s'moredom that awaits us.



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Your name doesn't actually have to be Reese

A quick fix for the action-craving taste buds is to replace your standard Hershey's Milk Chocolate with a Reese's Peanut Butter Cup. Bob, the campus UPS man highly recommends this. And he's basically Santa, but more fit and in a snappier uniform.

We gonna party likes it's ya birthday

Take a page out of Fiddy Cent's book and find any reason to celebrate Shorty's birthday. Smother one graham cracker with chocolate or vanilla frosting, and then top with sprinkles. The melted marshmallow warms the frosting/sprinkle combo to perfection.

S'moreos

Carefully unscrew your favorite version of Oreo, and smoosh the cooked marshmallow between its perfectly chocolate wafer layers. If you're really daring, dip in milk before devouring.

"Who turns down a Junior Mint?"

Thanks to Seinfeld, we know exactly what happens when you deny a Junior Mint. Add some of these mini chocolate mints to your warm marshmallow when you particularly don't want a surgery patient's well being on your conscience.

Peepshow

Swap a toasted marshmallow for a perfectly browned and (insert color in the past tense here) Peep. The extra shot of sugar and the subtle addition of color instantly ups the sex-factor of this s'more.

The Katy Perry

Hot and cold go together like Sic-Sic and creepy, but in a good, I-like-to-be-scared kind of way. Replace boring chocolate with a swipe of your favorite Ben and Jerry's creation. Be prepared for the onset of violent memories of that really cool ice cream cake that Billy down the street had for his ninth birthday.

Forget the effects, I just want a good actor



BRANDON SCHNEIDER
PULSE COLUMNIST

Watching the trailer for "2012," the newest end-of-the world epic, one thought hits me. The star of the film, John Cusack, is a fun actor, but I do not picture many going to see this movie solely to watch him. For this film, audiences want tidal waves, explosions and crumbling mountains sending debris everywhere.

That is sad to me, though, because I wonder, what ever happened to going to see the

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Despite lackluster footage, Jackson documentary shines due to late superstar's performance



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By Aaron Helfferich
Pulse Reviewer

While it was never meant to exist as a publicly viewed documentary, the footage that was compiled to create Michael Jackson's "This Is It" surprisingly makes for a refreshing look at one of the greatest entertainers of all time.

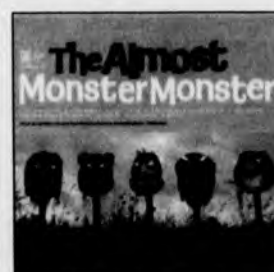
The footage in question is a compilation of shoots taken from the rehearsal stages of Michael Jackson's would-be comeback tour. While "This Is It" might not have witnessed such popularity had its iconic star not tragically died in late June 2009, this final collection of world famous songs displays the King of Pop as a restored dancing superstar. Like any great documentary,

"This Is It" has the ability to shed light on a predominantly mysterious or misunderstood subject.

A great documentary is usually the result of substantial content or the director's ability to tell a story. As one of the most documented musical artists, Bob Dylan was given a terrific visual story when Martin Scorsese compiled the documentary "No Direction Home." This elite compilation of photos and historical videos is much different from the equally respected Metallica documentary, "Some Kind of Monster," which is a first-hand eyewitness account of the relationships between band members. "This Is It" struggles

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ALBUM REVIEW



■ Artist Name | The Almost
■ Grade | D+
■ Genre | Alt. Rock/Emo

"Monster, Monster"

WHAT CHAD EVERY THINKS: Monster, Monster is the name of the new wooden roller coaster at Cedar Point. Just when you think it's a smooth ride, WHAM, you jolt into a violent turn before jolting into another part of the

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PULSE BRIEF

Music superstar makes stop in Bowling Green

Alternative country singer-songwriter Neko Case will be performing at the Cla-Zel tomorrow night at 7 p.m.

The Alexandria, Va. native is widely known for her affiliation with Canadian indie group the New Pornographers. Case recorded and performed two albums as Neko Case and Her Boyfriends before recording solely under her name.

Her six solo albums, including her 2009 release with Anti-Records "Middle Cyclone," have gained much critical praise and a faithful following. According to the Cla-Zel's Web site, Case is also known for her entertaining stage presence and humorous narratives on stage.

Case has performed world-wide for sellout audiences and appears in the line of successful, national acts the Cla-Zel is attempting to infuse into Bowling Green's music scene.

Tickets for Case's performance are \$20 presale and \$25 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Finders Records from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. or at the Cla-Zel after 5 p.m.

TONIGHT IN BG

Illinois rock at Howard's

Indie rock band Common Loon, hailing from Illinois, will play a show at Howard's Club H tonight. Local band A Gun for Hire will kick off the event at 9 p.m. with \$5 admission at the door.

TONIGHT IN TOLEDO

Theatre unites comedy and mystery

The Toledo Repertoire Theatre on 10th Street in Toledo is putting on a mystery-filled comedic production this weekend. "Accomplice" will begin at 8 p.m. tonight and tomorrow night, with tickets priced at \$10 for students.

TOMORROW NIGHT

Hard Lessons in Bowling Green tomorrow

After performing with Justin Pierre of Motion City Soundtrack in Detroit this week, Michigan band The Hard Lessons will be bringing their act to Howard's Club H tomorrow night at 9 p.m. (tickets \$7). If you like what you hear, check out their Web site, thehardlessons.com, for a free download of their new album.

THEY SAID IT

"All of a sudden I woke up one day and went to Macy's and saw myself on a T-shirt. I feel empowered when I see my face on a T-shirt."

-Miley Cyrus



NATION BRIEFS

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Army: 12 dead in attacks at Fort Hood, Texas

FORT HOOD, Texas — The U.S. Army says 12 people have been killed and 31 wounded in a shooting rampage on the Fort Hood Army base in Texas.

Lt. Gen. Bob Cone said at a news conference that one shooter has been killed and two suspects were apprehended yesterday. He says they are all U.S. soldiers.

The shooting began around 1:30 p.m. Cone says that all the casualties took place at the base's Soldier Readiness Center where soldiers who are about to be deployed or who are returning undergo medical screening.

He says the primary shooter used two handguns in the attack.

— Anne Gearan and Jay Root (AP)

Guilty plea in fatal New York stabbing of immigrant

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. — One of seven teenagers accused in the fatal attack on a Hispanic immigrant pleaded guilty yesterday to gang assault and hate crime charges and agreed to testify against the other defendants.

Nicholas Hausch entered his plea in Suffolk County Court. The teens are accused in the Nov. 8, 2008, killing of Ecuadorean immigrant Marcelo Lucero in Patchogue in eastern Long Island.

Lucero, 37, was walking with a friend near the Patchogue train station when they were confronted by the teenagers tooling around town allegedly looking for targets.

— Frank Eltman (AP)

Former New York City Police Commissioner Kerik pleads guilty

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Former New York City Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik admitted in court yesterday that he lied to the White House while being considered for chief of Homeland Security.

Kerik, hailed as a hero after the Sept. 11 attack, also pleaded guilty to lying on tax returns, a loan application and a questionnaire he filled out when he was seeking a separate U.S. government position.

Under his plea bargain, which short-circuited as many as three federal trials, he was not required to plead guilty to the main corruption charges against him. Those charges will be dismissed.

In a low but firm voice, Kerik said "guilty" eight times as he admitted to eight felonies, including lying about paying taxes on his children's nanny, hiding income from the Internal Revenue Service and faking a charitable contribution.

— Jim Fitzgerald (AP)

FBI: Arrest made in slaying of New Mexico nun

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Federal agents descended on a small community on the Navajo Indian reservation early yesterday to make an arrest in the slaying of a nun whose body was found in her home on church property.

The FBI said it arrested one person in Navajo in the death of 64-year-old Sister Marguerite Bartz, but declined to provide other details. The nun's body was discovered after she didn't show up as scheduled for Sunday Mass in a neighboring community.

"I'm sure that community hasn't been sleeping well for many nights. I think with this arrest they're going to have a better night's sleep tonight and feel a little safer in their homes," said Lee Lamb, a spokesman for the Diocese of Gallup, which oversees the St. Berard parish in Navajo where Bartz lived.

— Susan Montoya Bryan (AP)

Iraqi held in Arizona honor killing on suicide watch

PHOENIX (AP) — A court hearing in Phoenix for an Iraqi immigrant accused of killing his daughter because she had become too Westernized has been delayed because he is on a suicide watch.

Court officials say the Maricopa County sheriff's office didn't take Faleh Hassan Almaleki to his arraignment yesterday because of his status.

Almaleki was charged with two counts of aggravated assault after police in the Phoenix suburb of Peoria say he ran down his daughter and her boyfriend's mother with his Jeep Oct. 20. Police say those charges will be upgraded since the daughter, Noor Faleh Almaleki, died Monday.

The other woman is expected to survive.

Almaleki fled the country after the attack but was stopped at London's airport and sent back to the U.S.

Inmates who came to guard's rescue get help, too

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Four inmates who came to the rescue of a Florida jail guard when he was attacked by another inmate may be getting some help of their own.

Deputy Larry McKinnon said yesterday the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office will write letters to the inmates' attorneys that can be used on their behalf in court.

The inmates helped save 64-year-old detention deputy Kenneth Moon on Monday afternoon when inmate Douglas Emanuel Burden charged him, put him in choke hold and began strangling him.

Four inmates saw the commotion and came to Moon's aid, including one who reached for the deputy's radio and called for help. The incident was caught on a security video.

The men are in jail for charges including home invasion and attempted murder.

Prosecution rests case against polygamist sect man

By Michelle Roberts
The Associated Press

ELDORADO, Texas — Prosecutors rested their case yesterday in the first criminal trial of a member of a West Texas polygamist sect after days of plodding through photos and records seized from the group's ranch.

Lawyers for 38-year-old Raymond Jessop, charged with child sexual abuse, have not indicated whether they will call any witnesses in his defense. Jurors could have begun deliberating as early as yesterday.

Texas Ranger Nick Hanna testified that sect records seized from a cement vault in a temple annex demonstrated that a teenage girl and Jessop were living at the Yearning For Zion Ranch when they entered a so-called "spiritual marriage" and she became pregnant at age 16.

Jessop's attorney, Mark Stevens, has argued that prosecutors failed to show that any assault happened in Texas — a necessary element in demonstrating the court's jurisdiction.

"There is no way one can draw a reasonable inference... that this alleged event must have occurred on that ranch," he said during a hearing yesterday.

Jessop is the first member of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to go on trial since authorities raided the ranch last year and swept more than 400 of the sect's children into temporary foster care. If convicted, he faces up to 20 years in prison.

Assistant Attorney General Eric Nichols used the testimony of Texas Rangers and a former FLDS member to introduce church marriage records, family photos and dictation by jailed sect leader Warren Jeffs as evidence in Jessop's trial.

One dictation by Jeffs indicated that he advised Jessop and others in August 2005 not to take the girl to the hospital even though she had been struggling with giving birth for days.

"I knew that the girl being 16 years old, if she went to the hos-



Raymond Jessop

Jessop was charged with child sexual abuses

pital, they could put Raymond Jessop in jeopardy of prosecution as the government is looking for any reason to come against us there," Jeffs said, according to seized church records.

Many of the documents, including the one recounting when the girl went into labor, were heavily redacted for the jury to remove references to plural marriages or other possible crimes. Some pages were entirely blacked out except for one or two lines.

Jessop allegedly has nine wives. He faces a bigamy charge, but that case is to be tried later. The girl in the assault case, now 21, was previously in a "spiritual marriage" with Jessop's brother before being "reassigned" to Jessop when she was 15, according to documents seized at the ranch.

Forensic experts testified that DNA tests found a nearly 100 percent probability that Jessop was the father of the girl's daughter.

Under Texas law, generally, no one under 17 can consent to sex with an adult.

Hanna yesterday walked jurors through some of Jeffs' extensive dictations to demonstrate that Jessop was at the ranch in 2004 and early 2005. Based on when the girl gave birth, she became pregnant in November 2004, according to prosecutors.

The dictations shown to the jury covered dates including October 2004 and January 2005 but did not specifically address Jessop's whereabouts that November.

In all, 12 FLDS men have been indicted on charges ranging from failure to report child abuse to sexual assault since the April 2008 raid. The 439 children taken from the ranch and placed in foster care following the raid have all been returned to their parents or other relatives, but the documents seized in the raid were used to help build criminal cases.

Ohio woman shares escape story: I got away from serial killing suspect

By Meghan Barr
and Vicki Smith
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — A Cleveland woman said yesterday that she was choked and threatened this year by the man now charged with murder after the remains of several people were found on his property — and that she is racked with guilt for not speaking up earlier.

Tanja Doss told The Associated Press that if she had quickly gone to authorities, her best friend, Nancy Cobbs, might not be missing. She believes Cobbs might be among the 11 victims whose remains were found at Sowell's home.

Police have recovered 10 bodies and a skull from the home and yard of 50-year-old Anthony Sowell, a registered sex offender who moved back to his family's house in 2005 after serving 15

years in prison for attempted rape. He is being held without bond on five counts of aggravated murder.

Of the bodies found at Sowell's home, only one victim has been identified so far — 52-year-old Tonia Carmichael of Warrensville Heights.

Area pastors urged the families of missing people yesterday to provide DNA samples that could help the coroner's office identify the remains, claiming that nearly two dozen others are still missing in the community. The coroner's office, meanwhile, tried to calm concerns by promising DNA samples would not be shared with law enforcement.

Doss, 43, said she met Sowell in 2005, right after he was released from prison. He didn't tell her why he had done time.

In April this year, she said, he invited her over for a beer. They went to the third floor of his

"And then he just clicked... I'm sitting on the corner of the bed and he just leaped up and came over and started choking me."

Tanja Doss | Assault victim

house and were talking.

"And then he just clicked," Doss said. "I'm sitting on the corner of the bed and he just leaped up and came over and started choking me."

Shocked, she said she lay back and tried not to struggle.

"He said, 'If you want to live, knock three times on the floor.' And I knocked on the floor," she said.

Still holding her throat, she said, he told her using profanities that she could be "dead in the street" and no one would care.

He made her strip off her

clothes and lay on the bed but did not try to rape her, Doss said. She said she curled up in a ball and tried to talk him down, saying things like, "Why you gotta act like that?"

Then she prayed. Sowell wouldn't let her leave, Doss said, so she fell asleep and awoke to him acting as if nothing had happened.

"He said, 'Hi, how you doing? You want something from the store?'" Doss said.

She picked up her cell phone and pretended to call her daughter.

Dam work done by Army Corps lessens Seattle-area flood chance

Levees and emergency system set up for flood evacuation

By George Tibbitts
The Associated Press

AUBURN, Wash. — The Army Corps of Engineers said yesterday that hurried repairs this summer at the Howard Hanson Dam have greatly lessened the chances the Green River will flood this winter.

The corps put the likelihood of flooding at 1-in-25, compared with previous estimates of a 1-in-4 chance a flood would inundate the heavily developed Green River Valley downstream. The corps has been working around the clock to prevent flooding, pumping tons of grout into the problem area, an abutment at the dam that was badly weakened by a torrential storm last winter.

Residents, businesses and local governments in the long, flat valley south of Seattle have been working feverishly to fortify their property and the levees along the winding river against a potentially catastrophic flood during the winter rainy season.

Col. Anthony Wright, the corps Seattle district commander, said he could safely accept more water behind the dam than he was comfortable with before.

But he noted that while the 1-in-25 chance seems like a big reduction in the danger, flood-

ing is still much more likely than when the dam can operate at capacity — when there's about a 1-in-140 chance of flooding.

In recent weeks, some 40 miles of levees have been raised with sandbags, evacuation routes and emergency warning systems have been set up, and residents have been urged to assemble "go kits" — documents, medicine and other valuables they'll need if forced to flee on short notice.

Friends and neighbors gathered at Bobby Kendall's place on a recent weekend to help him build a 2-foot barrier of sandbags around his home just a few hundred feet from the river in this Seattle suburb.

"My house is my biggest asset," Kendall said. "I don't want it to wash away or get filled with mud."

A similar effort is under way at a Boeing Co. facility, where workers put up an 8-foot-high floodwall. Managers of a nearby Starbucks roasting plant are in constant communication with federal disaster officials. Other efforts have ranged from homeowners installing one-way valves to prevent toilets backing up, to Boeing erecting the sandbag wall around its sprawling Space Center in nearby Kent.

The valley cities and King County have held scores of informational meetings, passed out hundreds of thousands of sandbags, posted extensive information on special Web sites and organized a "reverse 911" system to automatically call or message residents if an emergency is declared.

Besides Boeing, the valley floor has miles of malls, warehouses, and businesses small and large, including Recreational Equipment Inc.'s headquarters and Starbucks' regional roasting plant. Starbucks did not provide specifics about its flood-preparation plan and how it will protect its beans and employees, but said it is doing its best to "minimize impact to our supply chain and operations."

The four major cities in the Green River Valley — Auburn, Kent, Renton and Tukwila — all face the threat of flooding. An estimated 25,000 to 30,000 people live in flood zones, but Hillman Mitchell, the emergency management director in Tukwila, points out that 200,000 to 300,000 work or shop in the valley each day.

"The number of people who may have to move could be very large," he said.

Evidence found of Spanish explorer's trail in Georgia

ATLANTA (AP) — An archaeologist says excavations in southern Georgia have turned up beads, metal tools and other artifacts that may pinpoint part of the elusive trail of the 16th-century Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto.

Dennis Blanton of the Fernbank Museum of Natural History in Atlanta was scheduled to present his findings yesterday to the Southeastern Archaeological Conference in Mobile, Ala.

Excavations since 2006 in rural Telfair County uncovered remains of an Indian settlement along with nine pea-sized glass beads and six metal objects, including three iron tools and a silver pendant. Blanton says the artifacts are consistent with items Spanish explorers traded with Indians.

In a research paper prepared for the conference, Blanton wrote that the site "not only holds evidence of Hernando de Soto's initial passage through Georgia in the spring of 1540, but that it is a probable point of direct contact" with American Indians.



Hernando de Soto

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Palin's book tour routes target base supporters

By Hillel Italie
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sarah Palin's book tour is a gift for her base.

No stops are planned in Seattle, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Los Angeles and other major cities and book-buying communities that are standard for authors on the road, but where the voters tend to be Democrats.

Beyond a Nov. 16 television interview with Oprah Winfrey, nothing is scheduled for Chicago. New York will feature media appearances only. Instead, the itinerary for Palin, whose "Going Rogue" comes out Nov. 17, includes Noblesville, Ind.; Washington, Pa.; and Rochester, N.Y.

"She wants to be unconventional. She is unconventional," HarperCollins spokeswoman Tina Andreadis said Wednesday. "She feels like this is where her fans are and Harper feels this is where she'll sell the most books."

"Going Rogue" has an announced first printing of 1.5 million copies and has been at or near the top of Amazon.com's best-seller list for weeks.

On Wednesday, ABC News announced that Barbara Walters would interview Palin, to air in five parts over three ABC News broadcasts — "Good Morning America," "Nightline" and "20/20," starting the morning of publication day.

On her Facebook site, Palin says she's hoping to schedule interviews with others, including Rush Limbaugh and four Fox News Channel personalities: Bill O'Reilly, Sean Hannity, Glenn Beck and Greta Van Susteren. All but Van Susteren have their own radio programs.

The tour starts Nov. 18 at a Barnes & Noble in Grand Rapids, Mich., where Palin, the 2008 Republican vice presidential candidate, and running mate Sen. John McCain made a campaign appearance last fall.

Accused Seacrest stalker pleads not guilty

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A man arrested outside Ryan Seacrest's workplace has pleaded not guilty to a felony stalking charge.

Chidi Benjamin Uzomah Jr. entered the plea Tuesday through an attorney. A court commissioner ordered Uzomah to stay 500 yards away from Seacrest if he is released from jail on \$150,000 bail.

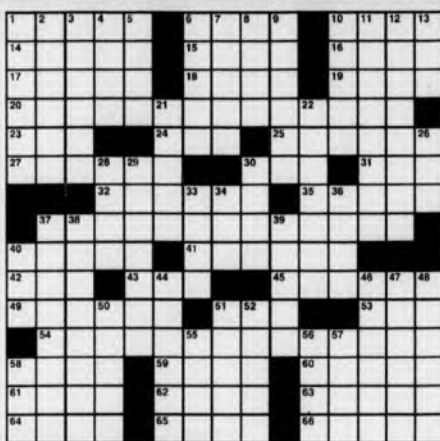
Los Angeles police arrested Uzomah at the E! Entertainment Television headquarters in Los Angeles on Oct. 30. A request for a civil restraining order stated he was carrying a knife at the time.

Uzomah appeared in street clothes during Tuesday's hearing and agreed to be represented by a public defender. He is due back in court Nov. 16. Seacrest did not attend.

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PIZZA



- 1 Samples a bit of
2 Ball
3 Loud auto honker of yore
4 "mouse"
5 Weekly septet
6 Argonauts' leader
7 Large antelope
8 Tune
9 Dainty laugh
10 Sudden gushing
11 Conspires (with)
12 Octogenarians, e.g.
13 Boxing ref's decision
21 Whopper creators
22 Lord's Prayer words following "Thy will be done"
26 Thus far
28 Eye unsubtly
29 Drizzly day chapeau
30 Some pass catchers
33 Women
34 Above, in poems
36 Slow-moving, as a river
37 Penetrable quality of skin
38 Makes a cliché of, say

- 39 Exposed
40 Typist's stat.
44 Crystalline mineral
46 More petite
47 Like eggs in an Easter hunt
48 Skinflints
50 Big name in perfumery
51 Dramatist Chekhov
52 Tearful
55 Letter after theta
56 Drift, as an aroma
57 Shipwreck site
58 Air mover

ACROSS

- 1 Made a disapproving sound
6 Witticism
10 Highlander
14 Cop ____; bargain in court
15 Healing plant
16 Oregon Treaty president
17 Trembling
18 Having all one's marbles
19 Word processing reversal
20 Big Southwestern trombones?
23 Ending for "ranch"
24 Neither Rep. nor Dem.
25 Thing
27 Madame, in Madrid
30 Wide shoe size
31 Geese flight pattern
32 Actress Greer who received five consecutive Oscar nominations
35 At the ready
37 Refined trombones?
40 Made on a loom
41 Imitation

- 42 Med or law lead-in
43 Command ctrs.
45 Musical beat
49 Wells's "The Island of Dr. ____"
51 Fill with wonder
53 Jr.'s son
54 Continuously-playing trombones?
58 Clenched weapon
59 Mechanical memorization
60 Remark to the audience
61 To ____ perfectly
62 Sporty sunroof
63 Baseball card brand
64 Wall St.'s "Big Board"
65 Clownish
66 Shore birds

ANSWERS



JACKSON

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"The entire film is essentially an incomplete performance from the late dancing icon."



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to find a footing with either of these documentary approaches due to a lack of worthwhile footage and overall direction.

Kenny Ortega does as good a job as possible compiling a film out of the half-baked footage he was given. The entire film is essentially an incomplete performance from the late dancing icon. However, the film unexpectedly shines in the depiction of collaboration, creativity and detail put into the making of a live musical performance. We finally witness the creative thought process arise from the concealed thoughts of Michael Jackson. Through his dedicated involvement with the rest of his

creative staff, Jackson shows us a side of himself that is free of media scrutiny and bizarre antics.

Ultimately, the success of "This Is It" is largely due to this dedicated depiction of Jackson. Here, we see Jackson as a gifted, brilliant and irreplaceable artist for which the world will forever remember. For Jackson fans, it's the holy grail of documentary footage. Fan or not, this film is bittersweet proof we've all missed out on one hell of a spectacular show. Thanks to an incredibly talented and iconic artist, we see what a tremendous show it would have been.

Letter Grade: B

Rated: PG for some suggestive choreography and scary images.

Runtime: 112 min.

Starring: Michael Jackson
Directed by: Kenny Ortega

ACTORS

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spectacle of a great actor give a tour-de-force performance, or, as I call it, that sucker-punch performance?

I speak of those rare and exciting moments when the performer disappears into the spectacle of the role, completely knocking the audience over with his or her intensity. But when competing against fighting robots, romantic vampires and the end of the world, the actors of these films go sorely unnoticed.

I have hope, though, from another preview that I recently saw. While not as popular as "2012," this film opted not to destroy all of Los Angeles in three minutes. I speak of the British film "Bronson," which catalogues 30 years of a psychopathic criminal, with most of this time spent behind bars. In just a two minute trailer, Tom Hardy (who plays Bronson) gives fantastically grandiose monologues, performs violent feats of strength and acts out absurdly fantastic fight sequences.

"Bronson" literally hinges on the acting chops of the relatively unknown Hardy, but he most definitely gives that sucker-punch performance. (He even gained 35 pounds of

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muscle for the role.) Already called a "pure dynamite performance" by Rolling Stone and described as "an unflinchingly brave portrayal" by Indie London, Hardy's acting just may be the one of those fantastic assaults so rare in cinema today.

Similar to Robert De Niro's transformation to the deluded anti-hero of "Taxi Driver" or Heath Ledger scaring audiences behind a mask of insanity in "The Dark Knight," Hardy proves once again that sometimes fire and flames do not need to happen on screen but inside of the actors themselves.

So enjoy the blockbusters now and then, but remember it's the humanity that makes art worth enjoying, and it is the actors that bring this art form to life.

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